

MEETING AGENDA

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INVITEES:

Department of Health:

- Corie Nadzan (Bur. Dir)
- Samantha Phillips-Brown (Bur. Dir)
- Josh Huggins (QANS)
- Alison Conneally (PCCS)
- Jen Cioffi (ISMS)
- Bridget La Rose (Bur. Dir)
- Tammy Leone-Curtis (FDMVS)
- Joann Tierney-Daniels (FMS)
- David Becker (CDRO)
- Iris Marchante (MARO)
- Ivette Santiago (MARO)
- AmyLyn Clarke (WRO)
- Becky Monahan (WRO)
- Beth Huber (WRO)
- Nancy Mendillo (CNYRO)

Board Members:

- Lauren Brand
- Andrea Byrne
- Tammy Lana
- Megan Fulton
- Lauren Sondey
- Tanya Reese (Advocate)
- Sue Kowaleski (Advocate)
- Misha Marvel (SW Advocate)
- Lisa Fermin
- Melissa Sacco
- Rudy Sicari
- Cindy Walsh (Advocate)
- Sherry Wilson (SW Advocate)
- Judette Dahleiden
- Helene Rosenhouse-Romeo
- Sara Hettel
- Penny Bashford
- Mary Krypel

- Lori Davis-Spatalo
- Michelle Downer
- Tommi-Grace Melito

AGENDA SECTION	TOPICS	WHO
Welcome & Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outline of today's meeting ❖ Project Sunlight Forms ❖ Introductions 	Lauren

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General DOH Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ General staff updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of Joann Tierney- DanielsCheryl Nary will be assuming Carol Pry's dutiesJen Cioffi's last day is 6/21/22❖ WIC Association Approvals – Wanda and NYSDOH Logo <p>Corie has requested an update on whether the NYS DOH logo and Wanda may be used by the NYS WIC Association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Data Matching <p>NYS WIC continues to engage with NYS Medicaid and USDA regarding data matching between WIC and Medicaid. We continue to have conversations on how to better facilitate data matching, clearly define what's allowable for Medicaid and WIC, and outline priorities and challenges.</p> <p>NYS WIC is also exploring providing a link or referral request to NYS WIC through the New York State of Health (NYSOH).</p> <p>NWA WIC Outreach webinar on enrolling additional families in WIC who are already receiving SNAP or Medicaid https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3512963162724158479</p>	Corie
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<p>Program Communication and Collaboration Section</p>	<p>❖ Non-Discrimination Statement</p> <p>In library it is listed as being updated on 12/22/20, but when you open the document, the date is listed as 5/5/2022. The date appeared this way because when the NDS was edited on the library, the old version was replaced, rather than removed and reuploaded to reflect the current date/pathway. This is a nuance with document maintenance on the library. This has been fixed and should now reflect the current date (6/9/22). Thank you for bringing this to our attention.</p> <p>NYS WIC is working on a poster distribution order which will be distributed to local agencies. Please continue to use the 2019 until the new posters are received. Once the new posters are received, please discard any outdated versions.</p> <p>NYS WIC Chat box Wanda Year 1 Summary Data is under review and once finalized will be distributed to regional leads.</p> <p>Statistics are as follows:</p> <p>The NYS WIC Chatbot, Wanda, launched as a pilot on April 16, 2021.</p> <p>During the first year of the pilot, over 29,000 individuals clicked on the chatbot.</p> <p>Of those, approximately 11,000, or 38%, consented to the terms of use.</p> <p>Nearly 5,000, or 17%, completed the chatbot experience (5% completion is the industry standard).</p> <p>About 4,500, or 15%, requested referrals to WIC local agency offices.</p> <p>Please note that a notice for the 7/13/22 WIC quarterly Webinar should be going out shortly, please save the date.</p>	<p>Alison</p>
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Quality Assurance and Nutrition Section	<p>❖ Nutrition Education</p> <p>No new information is available yet for the online Nutritional Education procurement. In addition, we're unable to answer any questions on the open Training Center procurement since currently we are in a restricted procurement period.</p> <p>LACASA record review will take place mid- July through mid-August. Information will be distributed in the next WIC Watch.</p>	Josh
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Food Delivery and Vendor Management Section	<p>❖ Formula Shortage</p> <p>The Foods Team is handling drop shipment requests.</p> <p>We have been working with Mead Johnson on Nutramigen and supply issues and a large release should be coming to stores this week.</p> <p>We have also been working on a EnfaCare shortage in the Western region of the state. Products are being pushed to Walmart, Tops, and Wegman's.</p> <p>New formulas are added on a weekly basis via the ISMS unit.</p> <p>Questions were raised on the disposal of returned formulas versus donation. FNS strongly advises against donations due to liability issues. DOH's #1 priority is safety, and it was agreed it's important to continue having these conversations.</p> <p>Resources to address the formula shortage that were discussed include:</p> <p>WIC Watch Summary available two times a month Hunger Solution has a pooled resources document Wanda Chat Box has trees added to direct inquiries WIC2Go App resource links to the Temporary Formulas Shopping Guide and NYS WIC Approved Formulas</p> <p>❖ Farmer's Market</p> <p>Farmer's Market vouchers just started being shipped out and if you haven't received them yet they are on the way.</p>	Tammy
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Fiscal Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Welcome Joann!❖ Funding <p>Question:</p> <p>During the fiscal training it was mentioned that agencies can use FFY 2022 funds to pay for specific types of expenses for FFY 2023. Will contract managers work with LAs to facilitate? This will be helpful for new coordinators.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Regional Office contract managers are available to assist as needed and should be the first point of contact. Central Office Contract Managers are available to assist and answer any questions as well.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>The WIC Program was able to provide a much needed 2% increase. What mechanism allowed for this, that did not allow for an increase in the past? How can annual budget increases be permanent going forward?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Funding awards are determined based on the overall available funding. It was determined that a 2% increase to Local Agency contracts could be provided within the funding that was available. Annual increases are never guaranteed, and contractors can't assume that they will be provided. Corie raises the concerns brought up at these meetings and continues to advocate with USDA FNS regarding funding.</p>	Corie
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Information Systems Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ eWIC Cards <p>Only 1 range may be open at a time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Reports <p>A separate meeting will be held for reports.</p>	Jen
Other		Regional Offices